

REMARKS

Claims 14-27, 30-33, 35-37, 39-41, and 43 are pending. Claims 14-27, 30-33, and 35-36 are allowed. Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weddle et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,359,595). Claims 38, and 40-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weddle et al. in view of Mahany (US 2004/0077353). Claims 39 and 43-45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 37, 39, and 43 are currently amended. Claims 1-13, 28-29, 34, 38, 42, and 44-46 are cancelled without prejudice.

Examiner has objected to claims 39 and 43-45 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 42 depends from claim 38 which depends from independent claim 37. Claim 37 is rewritten to include the limitations of original claims 38 and 42. Claim 39 depends from claim 38 which depends from independent claim 37. Claim 39 is rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of original claims 37 and 38. Claim 43 depends from claim 38 which depends from independent claim 37. Claim 43 is rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of original claims 37 and 38.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 37, 39-41, and 43. If the Examiner finds any issue that is unresolved, please call applicants' attorney by dialing the telephone number printed below.

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